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SUBJECT: GDR THREATENS ACTION TO PREVENT CDU MEETING IN BERLIN

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1. DURING MEETING WITH HIS SENAT COUNTERPART KUNZE ON
MAY 27, GDR VISITS COMMISSIONER MITDANK THREATENED ACTION
TO PREVENT CDU MEETING IN BERLIN ON JUNE 16 (REFTEL B).
ACCORDING TO SEANT MEMCON, WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO
ALLIES ON JUNE 1, MITDANK TOLD KUNZE THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
HAD LEARNED FROM PRESS SOURCES THAT CDU INTENDED TO HOLD
RALLY IN BERLIN DIRECTED AGAINST CDU ("EINE GEGEN DIE
DDR GERICHTE KUNDEGEBUNG IN BERLIN (WEST) DURCHZUFUEHREN")
AND THAT JUNGE UNION MEMBERS HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO PARTI-
CIPATE IN THIS MEETING. MITDANK ADDED THAT HIS SIDE
WAS AWARE THAT PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN TOLD TO USE
PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES TO REACH BERLIN TO AVOID GIVING
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APPEARANCE OF A "STERNFAHRT" ("UM DEN CHARAKTER EINER
STERNFAHRT NICHT SO DEMOSTRATIV ZU BETONEN").
MITCANK SAID THAT CARRYING OUT SUCH A "REVANCHIST"
EVENT WOULD CREATE TENSION AND HINDER TIES. FURTHER,
IT WOULD BE A GROSS VIOLATION OF QA. GDR THEREFORE
EXPECTED SENAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES
TO FURTHER THE REDUCTION OF TENSION AND TO PROMOTE

SECURITY IN EUROPE, WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO DISTANCE ITSELF FROM SUCH AN EVENT WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO QA AND ANTI-DENTE. FURTHERMORE, MITDANK ADDED, GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT SHOULD ORGANIZERS OF RALLY, WHICH WAS CLEARLY DIRECTED AGAINST GDR, PERSIST IN THEIR PLAN, GDR WOULD ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTION WOULD BE BORNE SOLELY BY INITIATORS OF RALLY, MITCDANK ADDED.

2. KUNZE REPLIED THAT IT WAS SOLELY FOR SENAT AND ALLIES TO DETERMINE WHICH EVENTS COULD BE HELD IN BERLIN (WEST). KUNZE ADDED THAT GDR HAD NO RIGHT OF INTERFERENCE OR CODETERMINATION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. WITH RESPECT TO USE OF TRANSIT ROUTES, KUNZE NOTED, AS SENAT VISITS COMMISSIONER HE WAS NOT COMPETENT TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS. THE PROPER AUTHORITY WAS THE TRANSIT COMMISSION. FURTHERMORE, KUNZE, ADDED, QUESTIONS RELATING TO ALLEGED VIOLATION OF QA COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT VISITS COMMISSIONER LEVEL AS NEITHER SENAT NOR GDR WERE SIGNATORIES TO THAT AGREEMENT. IN REBUTTAL MITDANK STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PURSUE THEIR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER. HE WAS ONLY CALLING KUNZE'S ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES.

3. DESPITE SOVIET INTEREST IN RECENT WEEKS IN POSSIBILITY OF "STERNFAHRT" IN CONNECTION WITH CDU RALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVENING OF JUNE 16 AND MEETING OF JUNE 17, SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV FAILED TO MENTION SUBJECT DURING HIS LUNCHEON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR STOESEL ON MAY 30.

4. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT DU-SPONSORED "STERNFAHRT" TO BERLIN PRIOR TO AUGUST 13, 1976 (FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN WALL) WAS PREVENTED BY GDR AUTHORITIES ON TRANSIT ROUTES, WHEN THEY STOPPED AND TURNED BACK SOME THIRTEEN BUSES WHICH THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE CARRYING CDU SUPPORTERS. WE BELIEVE THAT GDR OFFICIALS ON TRANSIT ROUTES WILL BE PARTICULARLY WATCHFUL PRIOR TO JUNE 16 AND THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES WHICH OFFICIALS BELIEVE MAY BE CARRYING POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS IN CDU RALLY AND MEETING IN BERLIN WILL BE STOPPED, SEARCHED AND IN MANY CASES TURNED BACK.

5. IT WILL BE RECALLED ALSO THAT AS RESULT OF EAST GERMAN ACTIONS ON AUGUST 13, 1976, CHAIRMAN ALLIED POLAD

DELIVERED ON AUGUST 26, 1976, PROTEST TO CONSELOR OF SOVIET
EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN ON BEHALF OF THREE ALLIES. PROTEST
MADE IT CLEAR THAT ALLIES CONSIDERED EAST GERMAN OBSTRUCTION OF
TRAFFIC IN CONNECTION WITH "STERNFAHRT" INCIDENT TO BE VIOLATION
FO QA AND ALLIES CALLED UPON SOVIET AUTHORITIES
TO ENSURE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH QA, TRANSIT
TRAFFIC TO BERLIN REMAINED UNIMPEDED (USBERLIN 1775
AUGUST 1976). COPY OF PROTEST WAS GIVEN TO SOVIET
CHARGE IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 27, 1976 BY DIRECTOR
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